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SUBJECT: "EARLY WARNING" REPORTING ON INTERNATIONALLY FINANCED  
PROJECTS

REF: STATE A13316 OF MAY 9, 1975

1. CONSTRUCTION 120 SCHOOLS REFERRED TO IN ATTACHMENT TO  
REFAIR IS PHASE II OF SCHOOL RE-GROUPMENT PROJECT. ORGA-  
NIZATION HAVING RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION THIS PROJECT  
IS CONSEIL EXECUTIF DES GRANDS PROJETS (DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS  
BOARD FOR LEBANON), AN ADJUNCT OF MIN. PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORT.  
PHASE I (SEE BEIRUT A-84 OF 4/5/73, BEIRUT 13013 OF 10/30/74 AND  
BEIRUT 4350 OF 4/4/75) CALLS FOR CONSTRUCTION 63 PRIMARY AND  
SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO BE LOCATED VARIOUS DISTRICTS THROUGHOUT  
LEBANON. PHASE II CALLS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL 120  
SCHOOLS IN DISTRICTS NOT INCLUDED FIRST TIME. DECISION METHOD  
OF CONSTRUCTION, AND BREAKDOWN TYPE OF SCHOOLS TO BE BUILT  
(PRIMARY, SECONDARY, TECHNICAL) NOT YET MADE AND AWAITING,  
IN PART, CHOICE OF DISTRICTS AND COMPLETION REVIEW NEEDS OF  
VILLAGES WHERE SCHOOLS TO BE LOCATED. PHASE II CONSTRUCTION  
AND EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS WILL PROBABLY BE VERY SIMILAR TO  
PHASE I, BUT WILL BE REVIEWED IN LIGHT OF EXPERIENCE. CONSEIL  
OFFICIALS STRESS CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING 10 SCHOOLS TO BE  
ANNOUNCED BY OPEN TENDER AND FIRMS PARTICIPATING CONSTRUCTION AND  
EQUIPPING FIRST 63 SCHOOLS WILL NOT, THEY SAY, BE GIVEN ANY  
SPECIAL CONSIDERATION. AS WITH FIRST 63, TENDER FOR EQUIPPING  
SECOND 120 SCHOOLS WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOMETIME AFTER CONSTRUCTION  
STARTED. UNCERTAIN STATUS REQUEST FOR WORLD BANK LOAN, AND  
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INABILITY TO SAY WITH ANY CERTAINTY WHEN PHASE I CONSTRUCTION WILL

START (SEE BELOW) MAKE START-UP PHASE II PURE GUESSWORK.

2. CONSEIL HAS APPARENTLY RECEIVED SEVEN MORE BIDS FOR PHASE I CONSTRUCTION. NONE ARE AMERICAN. COMMITTEE NOW STUDYING BIDS AND DECISION COULD BE MADE 1-2 MONTHS WITH CONSTRUCTION STARTING SHORTLY THEREAFTER. DECISION MADE TO PURCHASE SCHOOL FURNITURE LOCALLY. ALL LABORATORY EQUIPMENT AND SOME TEACHING AIDS, HOWEVER, WILL BE SUBJECT OF INTERNATIONAL TENDER. DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS NOT YET COMPLETE. PHASE I OF PROJECT NOW BEHIND SCHEDULE DUE, IN PART, POOR RESPONSE FIRST TENDER REQUIRING SECOND CALL FOR BIDS, AND RECENT CIVIL DISTURBANCES.  
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